Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The corrections system in South Dakota predates statehood, with the first inmates arriving at the Dakota Territorial Penitentiary more than 125 years ago; and,

Whereas, During the course of this great state's history, correctional employees have dutifully performed their work with courage, pride, and professionalism; and,

Whereas, The South Dakota Department of Corrections is now responsible for the supervision, custody, and care of more than 3,300 adult inmates, more than 2,400 parolees, and more than 900 juvenile offenders in placement and on aftercare; and,

Whereas, Correctional employees are the catalysts of positive change in the correctional process by assisting inmates, parolees, and juvenile offenders in developing the skills necessary to become productive members of society; and,

Whereas, Correctional employees are committed to their mission of protecting the citizens of South Dakota by providing safe and secure facilities for juvenile and adult offenders committed to their custody by the courts, providing effective community supervision to offenders upon their release, and utilizing evidence-based practices to maximize opportunities for rehabilitation:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 4-10, 2008, as

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in South Dakota, and I urge all citizens to recognize and appreciate the efforts of the men and women who work in the corrections field.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighteenth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State